



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held July 22, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to adopt resolution authorizing placement on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot an ordinance for voter approval regarding a general tax to be levied within the unincorporated area of the County, which would reduce the existing Utility User's Tax from 5% to 4.5%, update the ordinance definitions to require equal treatment of taxpayers regardless of technology used, and to continue to fund essential general fund services including sheriff's deputies, parks, libraries and street repairs; and instruct the Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to take all necessary actions to place this general tax on the ballot.

Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

On motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Board approved the Chief Executive Officer's attached recommendation.

Later in the meeting, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board reconsidered the foregoing motion.

Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Federal law currently precludes taxation on Internet access. However, if that Federal prohibition were repealed, the proposed ordinance could be read to allow for such taxation.

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“I, therefore, move that the proposed ordinance be amended to add the following language to the exemption found in the Definition of “telecommunication services” in Section 4.62.030 (U),” nor shall it apply to such Internet services as browsers, search engines and email.”

Donald H. Maynor answered questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed County Counsel to amend the proposed Utility Users' Tax ordinance Section 4.62.030(U), to add the following language to the exemption found in the Definition of “telecommunication services”;

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browsers, search engines and email.

2. Adopted the attached resolution authorizing placement on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot an ordinance for voter approval regarding a general tax to be levied within the unincorporated area of the County, to the voters of the unincorporated area; and
3. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel and Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to take all necessary actions to place this general tax on the November 4, 2008 general election ballot.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Treasurer and Tax Collector
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Acting Auditor-Controller
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk